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James H. Davis, Ph.D., Director
New Mexico Environment Department
Resource Protection Division
P.O. Box 5469
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Dear Dr. Davis:

Re: Feasibility Study Proposal
Smelter Tailing Soils Investigation Unit - Chino AOC

Submitted under separate cover is a Feasibility Study (FS) Proposal for the Smelter Tailing Soils Investigation Unit under the Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). This FS Proposal was developed based on comments provided by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) on Chino's Draft FS Proposal, contained in a letter dated June 24, 2011. Additionally, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (Chino) submits the attached document that contains Chino's response to NMED's comments. A copy of this letter along with the FS Proposal was submitted today to Mr. Phil Harrigan.

Please contact Mr. Ned Hall at (520) 229-6470 if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,



Timothy E. Eastep, Manager
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